

CITY OF SANTA CLARA



HISTORICAL AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

November 1, 2007 - Thursday
City Manager's Staff Conference Room
1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara

MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Agenda Item IX. A. Recommendation for Approval to Add 1410 Santa Clara Street to the City's Historically/Architecturally significant properties list and also for a Mills Act Contract.

- I. Call to Order
Chairperson McKee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Commissioners: Marinshaw, McKee, Patton and Petersen,

Commissioners Boynton and Richards were excused.

Staff Present: Judith Silva, Associate Planner/HLC Staff Liaison

Guests Present: Ryan Bianchi, Michael Schmidt, Tanya Messer and Don Arnoldy.
- III. Requests for withdrawals and continuances without a hearing
None
- IV. Approval of Minutes
A. HLC Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2007
Commissioners Boynton and Richards were excused from the meeting, and as Commissioners Marinshaw and Patton were excused from the October 4, 2007 meeting there was not a quorum to approve the minutes. Therefore, the draft minutes from the October 4, 2007 meeting will be forwarded to City Council.
- V. Items on this Agenda Requiring Council Action
The following items may be heard by the City Council upon a recommendation by the Historical and Landmarks Commission:
Agenda Item IX.A.

- VI. Council and Planning Commission Actions Pertaining to the Historical and Landmarks Commission (Discussion as Needed)
Ms. Silva reported on City Council and Planning Commission items of interest to the Historical and Landmarks Commission.
- VII. Correspondence/Announcements
A. General Correspondence Distributed in Commission Packet
None
- VIII. Public Presentations
There were no public presentations.
- IX. New Business**
A. Request for Historic Designation and Mills Act Contract – 1410 Santa Clara Street (PLN2007-06680)
Ms. Silva reviewed the request for Historic Designation and also a request for a Mills Act Contract for the property located at 1410 Santa Clara Street. She noted the property owner had contracted with an outside consultant to perform the necessary DPR (historic report) as per State guidelines. She noted the historic research found the property to be constructed c.1905 and that the evaluator has found the property to retain sufficient integrity to qualify as a historic property and appears to be, based on compliance with the Local Significance Criteria, eligible for listing on the City of Santa Clara Architecturally/Historically Significant Properties List.
- Ms. Silva then noted the Historical and Landmarks Commission is being requested to make a recommendation to City Council as to whether or not this property should be added to the City's list of Historical Properties. She also noted the Commission is also requested to make a recommendation regarding whether or not this property should be approved for a Mills Act Contract which will be referred to City Council for final action.
- Mr. Bianchi, property owner, then addressed the Commission. He noted he was a new homeowner and discussed his preservation plans, including the need for a new foundation.
- Motion: It was moved by Commissioner Marinshaw , seconded by Commissioner Petersen and unanimously carried to support the property owner's request to be added to the City's Historically/Architecturally Significant Properties list.
- Motion: It was then moved by Commissioner Petersen, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and unanimously carried by those present to recommend City Council's approval of a Mills Act Contract for this property located at 1410 Santa Clara Street.
- X. Old Business, Referrals and Continued Items
A. Mills Act Criteria – Exterior and Interior Changes, Additions, Inspections and other (discussion, as necessary).
There was no discussion of this item.

XI. Commissioner/Committee Reports

A. Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium (McKee)

[Fourth Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. - Headen-Inman House]

Chairperson McKee reported he had attended the Consortium's monthly meeting. He noted household items had been discussed, as well as their website and brochure.

B. Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara (Marinshaw)

[Second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m.- Harris Lass Preserve]

Commissioner Marinshaw reported volunteers were needed for the Historic Home Tour to be held December 7 and 8th.

C. Old Quad Residents Association (Richards/McKee alternate)

There was no report.

D. Neighborhood University Relations (Petersen)

There was no report.

E. Architectural Committee (Marinshaw/Patton)

As there were no Commission items discussed, there was no report.

F. Agnews Historic Cemetery Museum Committee (Wilson and Patton)

Commissioner Wilson reported that the new Museum was a work in progress and coming along nicely.

G. BART Committee (Marinshaw)

Commissioner Marinshaw reported she had attended the October 18th meeting at the Senior Center and encouraged Santa Clara citizens to attend.

XII. Items Considered, Time Permitting

XIII. A. Commission Budget for 2007-08

Ms. Silva distributed a summary of the Historical and Landmarks Commission budget.

XIV. Pending Agenda Items (notice of upcoming agenda items only- No discussion)

A. Commissioner Training

Commissioner Marinshaw distributed a report she had prepared from the National Trust Conference held in Saint Paul, Minnesota from October 2 – 6, 2007. She stated she had learned a tremendous amount and her report summarized items and short courses she had attended. Commissioner Patton, who also attended the conference, then discussed some of the lectures and tours she had attended.

In response to a question, Commissioner Patton stated that the conference had been discussed at the May commission meeting and that she had stayed after the meeting to discuss the conference with staff. Commissioner Petersen and Wilson stated their concerns with the expenditures for an out-of-state conference. Ms. Silva

then noted that the item would have normally been reviewed by the Commission, but there had not been a September Commission meeting and that the National Preservation Conference fulfills required annual training for both Commissioners, as required of a CLG City.

As Commissioners Boynton and Richards were excused and with Commissioners Petersen and Wilson dissenting (Ayes: Marinshaw, McKee and Patton), there was not a majority to approve the expenses from the conference, which total \$4,272. These funds are available in the Historical and Landmarks Commission account.

B. Further updates on Harris-Lass Preserve

C. BART Station Design Workshop Notice

XV. Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Judith Silva
Associate Planner/HLC Staff Liaison

Gloria Sciara, AICP
Development Review Officer

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